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The Flag in Lawrence.

In numbers sufficient to be impressive the citizens of Lawrence have given testimony of their abhorrence of the Industrial Workers of the World by coming together in a great procession, each individual in which displayed the American flag as a symbol of his devotion to law and order. The advocates of violence attempted a counter demonstration: it called out a few pitiable fanatics marshalled by men who make their living by misleading the ignorant and unfortunate. The disparity in size between the two manifestations was highly gratifying.

It is to be hoped that the commendable enthusiasm thus put in evidence will result in something more substantial than mere lip service to the cause of good citizenship. Unless it does it will be properly catalogued as among those incidents that are pleasant but not important. If it spells a serious intention to preserve the city of Lawrence not only from physical violence but from the menace of stupid or unintelligent administration, from neglect of sanitation in every section of the town, and from the deadening effects of non-participation in the management of public affairs, it is proof of a spirit that every community would do well to cultivate.

A lively curiosity as to the government under which a man lives is a more hopeful symptom of his political health than is the most elaborate deference to the flag of his country.

The First Line of Battle.

If a battleship fleet could steam up the Mississippi to St. Paul and up the Missouri to Sioux City the problem of obtaining appropriations for two dreadevent of war forced upon it or unavoidable and to maintain the Monroe Doctrine. As Mr. TAFT said at the banquet we provide insurance, against a possible pate, but which under present conditions we should be foolish not to treat as possible."

The case for two dreadnoughts every year until the Panama Canal opens would not have so much potency if most of the battleships of the Atlantic fleet were not obsolete, fit only for the reserve, or not formidable enough in broadside power to be ranked in the patient at Chicago. first line of battle. The Indiana, Massatest; the Maine, Kearsarge, Kentucky, Alabama, Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin are fit only for the reserve; while the braska, Rhode Island, New Jersey. Georgia, Minnesota, Missouri and Idaho are by the fact that their main batteries ment. There remain the eight swifter correct.

dreadnoughts carrying eighty 12 inch

The fe effectively.

The navy has needs other than dreadnoughts, for instance battle cruisers and destroyers; but the supreme need is more all big gun ships, at least two every year. If Congress does not vote The Fourteen Emergency Clerks at them the United States will steadily decline in sea power and in five years will rank below Japan and France and from that particular part of the Anglo- borrowed from Germany to reorganize be rated hopelessly inferior to Ger- Saxon domain which is experimenting and train the armed forces of Turkey.

Up-State Registration.

capital, than it is in the several coun- market demands. ties of this town.

notable for the apathy of the voters.

of 2,000 from 1908 and 213 from 1910; could have been engaged for less. Troy a loss of 3,000 from 1908 and 2,559 Entered at the Post Office at New York as Second ester returns disclose a falling off of a Lilliputian labor trust known as the see Rome included, shows a falling off of The band of fourteen at Unity House 2 50 nearly 500 from 1908, although an in- caught an echo of the call, and the s 50 crease of 2,000 over 1910 reveals political storm broke. The great principle of 75 activity in Oneida county.

tration in the face of rapidly rising popu- that scale they would be blacklegs. lation upon the Levy law, or even upon the new style of political campaign.

Colonel Rooseveit's Wound. Everybody in America was glad yessources that so far as the surgical as- who sympathized with the strikers. be judged at a distance the prognosis of the rights of employers enraged the was favorable. The bullet had met union officials still more. What busiwith obstructions which not only di-ness had a clerk to question his employminished its velocity but very probably ers' conduct, they asked. They put a caused its deflection from a horizontal dozen suspects through the third degree. to a lateral course.

In the days of the round bullet, the slight compared to the rifled ball, cases its direct passage would very probably House trade unionists to rule. impart a similar action to a rifled ball. the chest, as is reported. There was the lung had been wounded.

A man of Colonel ROOSEVELT'S will reting about." noughts every year would present no power under the emotional ardor of two more capital ships every year he is and nervous system. The bravest all through—even in Unity Hall. not thinking of the holiday spectacle stoic must succumb to surgical shock. the fleet makes but of the country's need Hence the absence of this positive eviof an adequate navy to defend it in the dence of injury to a vital part is very early recovery.

The occurrence of blood poisoning is to the officers of the Atlantic fleet on always a cause for anxiety. It is un-Monday night, "We provide a navy, as likely in the locality of the wound in this of France, Great Britain and Russia at and new elections be held. loss or a danger that we hate to antici- been driven into the wound, a complica- an organic charter for the little island poisoning need not cloud our hopes for the speedy recovery of the distinguished

It is natural to draw a parallel to chusetts and Iowa are obsolete by any Mayor Gaynor's wound, which despite its apparent innocuity proved obstinate and handicapped him seriously. There is, however, not the slightest resem-Connecticut, Louisiana, Kansas, Ver- blance between the two cases. The mont, New Hampshire, Virginia, Ne- bullet in the Mayor's case ploughed its unimpeded way through various tissues available for the first line of battle, fliction of the wound. In that case the

guns so arranged on each ship as to VELT admire the pluck he has exhibited of all ball games with the Giants. deliver a terrible broadside, as compared with the seventy-two 12 inch They are delighted to hear news that guns of the Connecticut and her twelve his prospects are favorable even though sister ships that cannot be used so the wound proves more serious than at first supposed; and this morning they are wishing him, with all their hearts, the quickest and most prosperous of recoveries.

Unity House.

explosives. Within the fraternal halls Whatever doubts and perplexities the of Unity House, the London headfalling off in registration figures in this quarters of the rich and powerful Amalas Governor-General and Commander in city may cause the candidates and poli- gamated Society of Railway Servants. Chief in Albania. ticians of opposing parties, the returns the inalienable right of the worker to Other general officers available for the from the cities of the State are even more dictate the terms of his employment command of the armies in the field are the puzzling. The failure to register is even is being snathed and snarled. Unholy present Grand Vizier, Ghazi Mukhtab more conspicuous in Buffalo, Syracuse, human nature is playing the plutocratic Rochester and Troy, as well as the State trick of paying just what the general SHEVKET Pasha, NIAZIM Pasha, ESSAD

As those of the second largest city of must have put into the minds of the He is a pupil of Von DER GOLTZ, and as the State the figures for Buffalo are most officials of the English railwaymen's a young man held a commission in the interesting. In the first two days this union the desirability of engaging Sixty-seventh Prussian Infantry, also year 35,507 voters registered there. This fourteen clerks for emergency duties in the Ziethan Hussars. Perrev Pasha not only represents a falling off of nearly at Unity House. These casuals, mem- was present at the siege of Port Arthur 11,000 from the figures of 1908, but it is bers of various branches of the Amal- as Turkish military attaché. Recently actually 276 less than 1910, a year of a gamated Society in good and regular he has acted as Secretary-General at the Ministry of War in Constantinople. He State, not a national, election, and a year standing, were put to work at a salary regarded as a model staff, officer, but has of \$7.50 a week, a reasonable income not had much experience as a commander organization with cohesion and with a dis-Albany with its immediate suburbs, as clerical wages go in London. Thou- of troops.

including Cohoes, shows a falling off sands of clerks, quite as competent

Contentment prevailed among the new from 1900; Syracuse a decrease of employees hardly long enough to permit 1,000 from 1908 and a gain of but 1.481 them to feel at home amid the marble over 1910, which was an unusually thin decorations and stained glass windows of year in Onondaga registration. Roch- Unity House. There exists in London nearly 2,400 from 1908, and Yonkers, National Union of Clerks. Though a where the population has grown very weakling, the clerks' union has been rapidly, registered but 400 more this demanding shrilly for a year or more a year than in 1908. Even Utica, with minimum clerical wage of \$8.75 a week. trade union wage scales must be pre-In 1908 in these seven cities 151,176 served, thundered the casuals. They

26,000, which represents but 6 per cent.. could not afford to raise wages of the by Abdul Hamid. or proportionately but half as large a union's employees. But the fourteen was the work of the reactionaries pure and

The Unity House executives explained but that so far it has failed to interest from applying for the new posts. The them. The subsequent days of regis- strikers countered in the usual way. they do not some very interesting docu- off all applicants. Roused to bitter ments will be added to the record of anger by such unseemly conduct, the ers, thus debarring them from drawing \$3.75 a week unemployment pay.

Murmurings began to be heard among terday to learn from the best informed the regular clerical staff at Unity House, Only one had the temerity to defend the strikers in the open, and he was dispenetrating qualities of which were charged at once. He was a gold medallist of the Amalgamated Society, who were frequently observed in which a had been thus rewarded a year ago ball had travelled half way around the for efficient work in organization of cers that askiaran, saviors, and chest, finding exit in the back and lead-branch of railwaymen to combat the list due the ultimatum sent to Parliament on July 25 that it must be dissofted within ball had travelled half way around the for efficient work in organizing a local ing the surgeon to diagnose a penetrat- capitalists. But his record failed to ing wound when the sequel proved save him. His case was exhibited as a forty-eight hours. Both of these associathat the course of the ball had been al- warning to all others contemplating dis- tions have taken a leaf out of the book of the committee itself. One remembers how most subcutaneous. An impediment to agreement with the right of the Unity impenetrable was the cloud that hid its

The gold medallist joined the strikers, Having penetrated the sheets of paper and after an interval the men requested and glanced from the spectacle case, a conference with their trade union committee itself, is evident from the fact the bullet entered the fleshiest part of employers to discuss matters. Im- that most of the demands it made received possible, said the employers, the affair no evidence of shock, no large hem- has ended; and when reporters sought the idol of the army and practically dictator orrhage, no severe pain to indicate that information at Unity House they were at told to go on their way and stop "fer- of Said Pasha, containing the three

One more weapon remained to the serious difficulty. The thirty-one bat-striving to address an expectant au-thebing and pincture and present no striving to address an expectant au-strikers. They appealed to the Amalga-of Police, the Commandant of Constantitleships and ninety-two other vessels dience may overcome the influence of Admiral Osterhaus's command have of physical pain for a short, a very succeeded in dividing the union into come and gone, leaving upon the minds brief time, but surgical shock cannot two camps. There matters rest for was regranted and orders were sent to of the people of New York the impres- be thus subdued because it involves the moment, but the damage has been suspend all military actions in Albania. sion that when the President asks for the involuntary activities of the brain done. The world, it seems, is human

> War may still continue to rage about Podgoritza, but it is reuring to know reassuring and augurs a complete and that the conditions at Tegucigalpa are improving hourly.

principality to the list of the world's of view of the committee this action is destroying power than in the average titular sovereignty to Turkey, has been individual; hence the menace of blood guaranteed for eighty years by Russia, France and Great Britain. Unquesits annexation to Greece will be a logical consequence of Samian liberty.

> TAPE adds 35,000 postmasters to classified The hardest blow to the Democrat since the campaign began.

To Mr. STAHL of Boston we commen the historical incident wherein an honored amid important vessels and nerves, the member of the Board of Aldermen of damage to which could have produced this town, whose observation had conconsist of only four 12 inch guns uninjured through being struck by the although they would be valuable as prediction that blood poisoning in these reenforcements in a general engagefront platforms of trolley cars, moved structures was very improbable proved ing the front platforms of the aforesaid cars. It would be to the advantage of The fellow citizens of Colonel Roose- the Red Sox to abolish the first innings

> Since the days of George Washington we believe the Hon. JOHN J. McGRAW is the only hostile general who has captured Boston.

Among Turkish soldiers who are most command of the army at the front is FERIK ABDULLAH Pasha. He was chief of the military cabinet of the deposed Sultan ABDUL HAMID and a coadjutor of A strange story of discord comes Field Marshal von der Goltz, who was variously with the national strike, At the grand manouvres near Adrianople syndicalism, socialism and other high under the direction of Von DER GOLTZ Pasha in 1910 FERIK ABDULLAH handled large bodies of troops with notable skill.

For some time he served with distinction Pasha; his son MAHMUD MUKHTAR Pasha, Pasha and PERTEV Pasha. The last named is regarded as one of the most Some imp front the infernal regions promising soldiers in the Turkish service.

TURKEY AT BAY; THE INTER-NAL SITUATION.

With War in Africa, Dictatorial Rule Checks Fusion of Racial Elements. While all eyes are fixed upon the events that are crowding in upon the Ottoman Empire, it is well to remember the circumstances which rent Turkey in twain and the day of their opportunity had come. These circumstances are focussed around the activity of the Committee of Union and

The international situation of the Ottoman Empire at the present moment is in-deed serious; but the internal state is nothing less than menacing. It was the Committee of Union and Progress that brought the revolution of 1908, that dethroned Abdul patriotic and reactionary. The charge has Hamid in 1909, that introduced constitu-Published daily, including Sunday, by the Sun Printing and Publishing Association at 170 Nassau street, in the Borough of Manhattan, New York.

Nassau street, Vice-President, Edward P. Mitchell.

Nassau street, Vice-President, Edward P. Mitchell. seven cities, a loss of nearly 20,000. The to pay more than \$7.50 a week for tem- during the last four years: its object, not a purple secret but a public one, was to subvert the 4 per cent. for Kings. The loss for the duced the union's by-laws to prove the land branch and to scatter its chief members London office. Effingham House, 1 Arundel whole of Greater New York is less than point. Besides, they protested, they into the obscurity in which they were kept

percentage as in the up-State cities. were not impressed. The clerks' union simple, a continuation of the policy, or toenforce the use of the Turkish language in him to admit the need of a megaphone was To fix the responsibility for this as-tonishing evidence of declining regis-and unless they were paid according to since it was driven from power has con-tinued its work to the undermining of toric conditions existing in the Ottoman Emthe new order. In fact in the noteworthy the distractions of baseball and other to the casuals that they were members engrossing circumstances, seems under the casuals that they were members interview that Sultan Mohammed had on been the usual ones. Undue annoyance has been caused and a feeling of uneasiness cresatisfactory. The truth is, it would apclerks' union. The principle is the pear, not merely that the present came said the many and they struck pear, not merely that the present campaign, which has been the longest and Unity House thereupon advertised for view, the reinvestiture of the late Sultan. full publicity in a generation, has failed to excite the electorate in this State, but that so far it has failed to interest from applying for the new posts. The army itself, in some of the very regiments. Above and beyond the opposition, which that marched upon Constantinople in 1909 at first lived above ground, was forced to tration may change the story, but if They picketed Unity House and warned under the leadership of these same Young Turks. Tayar Bey, the head of the last pronunciamento, was the first to follow conspiracy. A handle was given to such Niazi Bey when the standard of revolt was railwaymen's union expelled the strik-ers, thus debarring them from drawing the movement, Mustafa Reshid and Husain therefore evident that Young Turk was up in arms against Young Turk : officers were set against officers; and the very element that ought to be the guarantee of a steady pects of Colonel Roosevelt's case could This disloyalty to the sacred principle and progressive internal development is to the skirts of the dissidents all those who. only too natural.

> most impossible to say. In various ac-counts that are forthcoming reference is made to a "Military League" (Muhafiza-i-Vatan: that is, Defence of the Fatherland upon whose summons the Cabinet of Said Pasha finally laid down arms. But there seems also to be a second group of officomposition and its activity when it first at least the first of these associations is not to be taken lightly, and is not so taken b immediate compliance. Mahmud Shefket Pasha, the Minister of War, so recently Constantinople, resigned. The Cabinet leaders, Talaat, Djavid and Haji Adil, abdicated: other The new Government has gone even further than this. At the bidding of the Military League Mahmud Mukhtar Pasha left the Cabinet, probably because he had occupied the same position of Minister of Marine in the Cabinet of Said. All this did not suffice; the exigencies of the "League" went still further. It made two additional demands: that Kiamil shall definitely assume the Grand Viziership

Announcement that the foreign consuls and that the chamber shall be dissolved case unless portions of clothing have Samos have ordered the preparation of Against these two last points the committion which is favored by the impeded seems to forecast the addition of one more in refusing to grant them. From the point velocity of the bullet. In a man of Mr. states. Famous chiefly for its wine intelligible. It has been forced out of the ROOSEVELT'S strictly hygienic and tem- and the uniform of its gendarmes, Samos Cabinet: but Ahmed Mukhtar Pasha, the perate life, however, the leucocytes or has a population of 53,000 and an area of Grand Vizier, has never taken active part in white blood cells possess more germ 180 miles. Its independence, subject to personal politics. Kiamil is, however, the committee persuasion. They have never times been fast and furious between them tionably the independence of Crete if not and him. A Cabinet under his leadership would mean their practical ostracism from all and any office. In such manner the Chamber of Deputies remains the last stronghold of the committee. Its majority there is so overwhelming that it faces not more than five or six opponents. In fact the swelling discontent with the committee was brought to a head in connection with the election and constitution of the present chamber, the character of which has much to do with the present turmoil. The recent election was one of the victories that are apt to cost the victor more than a moderate defeat would have done. The committee weighed upon the electorate with all its power, and the charge has been freely made that the most unscrupulous means were adopted to force the voting in one direction which the Albanians join, is that the present Parliament does not faithfully represent the political tendencies of the electorate. It is nuite evident that a new election would give now that the committee is discredited and its opponents flushed with the sense of vic-tory. With an anti-committee Parliament the last hold which the Young Turks might have upon the machinery of state would be

It is greatly to be regretted that no real favorably mentioned for the supreme and consistent opposition party has developed during these four years of attempted constitutional government in Turkey this fact gives color to the view which I have ventured to express on another occasion. that what the Ottoman Empire stood in need of was not so much parliamentary gov ernment as a few years of honest, forceful, capable and at the same time conciliatory eadership, during which time the body politic might recover from the long period illness through which it had passe under the former Sultan. It was out of all mestion that the wild mountaineers of Alpania, the flerce Kurds in Armenia or the half nontadic Arabs of the Arabian Peninof parliamentary rule, or that real Mohamnedans should grasp the theories of Rousseau and of the French Revolution. They could be led only by a strong and just hand and their imagination could be touched by the consciousness that it was the hand of their world chief and their spiritual head, Sultan and Caliph in one. But such a hand was wanting at the helm. Mohammed Reshad V. was known to be a genial, well intentioned elderly gentleman; but quite incapable of filling the position in which he had been placed. Though he desired to rule onstitutionally it was the Con Union and Progress that really held away Now, whatever may be said either of its mis-takes or of its misuse of power, it was the only body able to tide the empire over from the old to the new regime. It was the only

parties have been in the making, but none ready in case of necessity to take over the reins of government. The nearest ap-

proach to this was the part of the Ahrar (Freedmen), or, as it was called "The Party, of Ottoman Union," led by Colonel Sadik law of the Sultan; but it never really crystallized the whole of the opposition lines of cleavage soon became apparent a democratic party came into existence, and Greeks, Bulgarians, Serbs, Armenians, Arabs, and above all. Albanians, were apt to

It cannot be denied that the committee circumstances. It has tried to repress all appear that all opponents were antisince the year 1909, though removed in Monastir in 1910. Opposition newspapers have been fined, suspended and suppressed have passed unheeded in any other country schools and in the administration and to con serve the primacy of the Turks in a manner toric conditions existing in the Ottoman Empire. The consequences of such tactics have impulse of exultation whenever my eyes been the usual ones. Undue annoyance has rest upon that rare product of the "dear seek safety subterraneously and to work in secret. Opposition was turned into Paris by Cherif Pasha (late Minister at Stockholm) and assisted by the Albanians Ismael Kemal Bey and Ahmed Kemal, his brotherin-law, by Ferid Pasha and by Dr. Riza Nour Bey. A sinister answer to these re-

devastated a portion of Stambul in 1911. This impolitical wisdom of the committee members has evidenced itself in other ways mixed multitude has attached itself but always in the same manner. They for-eskirts of the dissidents—all those who, got that what a ruler can do who is infor one reason or another, have not reaped profit from the rule of the committee—is much more difficulty by a committee, espenot easily called into account. They forgot, too, that what is possible in a homog country like France is impossible in the connected conglomeration called the Ottoman Empire. Their attempt at Ottomanization may have been right in the can hold the balance securely between the conflicting races in the empire. But if the Turks are to continue to hold such a position they can do so only by forming the nucleus selves. Any forced Ottomanization is bound arms of their racial brethren in other and neighboring States, who are waiting for nothing more than such an opportunity to step in. That they have failed is all too evident. Yet one would have thought that the international situation in which Turkey and untrained Arabs repelling the invasion the same Power holding in its grasp the whole of the eastern end of the Mediterranean and menacing the coast of Arabia, with Constan tinople, the heart of the empire, in constant welded the various parts of the empire toa united front to the foe. But just that very to bring about an internal crisis, in which the very foundations tremble upon which the empire stands.

The opposition to the regime of the committee has thus been victorious all along the line even as regards the dissolution exactly the same faults which have tainted and finally corroded the Committee of Union and Progress. It represents neither more nor less than a military dictatorship, the very circumstance against which the revolt was directed and which brought about the fall of Mahmud Shefket Pasha. And it works in secret, as the committee has done. No one seems to know who are its members, how strong in numbers they are or what ulterior object it has in view. Its manifesto accused the committee of actions worse than those of Abdul Hamid. of enriching its own members and of excessive nepotism. But the present Cabinet is the creature of this Military League, and it must continue to be its mouthpiece if it is to remain in power. One is tempted to ask: In what manner is the present situation an improvecommittee has given way to another: one military pronunciamento is substituted for another. The condition seems to be the same as in some of the Central and South American republics, with the only difference that a committee takes the place of a

Further trouble in this direction can be averted only by a frank understanding between the opposing committees: and if such an understanding is reached it will come about because of the common danger that threatens. If these are not calcuthe heads of both Committee and Military lespair. It was the possible loss of Macedonia that proved the saving of the empire in 1908. History may repeat itself in 1912 stands in his own light. The shock of con and Macedonia become the saving of the empire once more. RICHARD GOTTHEIL. NEW YORK, October 15.

The Conservation of Ideals.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In At What Age Do Men Lose Their Ideals? and printed in THE SUN of October 11, the query arises: Are ideals altogether a question of years? Are not conditions and temperament important factors in the matter, and does not the conservation of one's ideals really depend upon such a combination?

Take for sake of argument the man with ideals who has means. Here the condi-tions are favorable and give him the power promote his ideals. This man is more or less likely to keep his ideals

Now, on the other hand, take also the man who is actuated by lofty principles but utterly without the means to apply them. His generosity of heart and mind must of necessity be in the abstract, that is, t can only concern his attitude toward his fellow men. He sees what is best in them and refrains from unjust conclusions.

Say, too, that this man is a victim of relentless necessity; on this account he meets with discouragements, disappointments and failures of a nature the man of means seld encounters, and he awakens to the disheartening fact that his material gain musi heartening fact that his ideals.
be at the sacrifice of his ideals.
E. BEYEA.

J. M. Barrie has taken a castle, called Amhuinn-uidh, in his native land.—English note. He's taken a castle, called Ambuinnsuidh, all the English papers announce it And now p'r'aps some one will offer a prize

LA TOUGHE HANCOOK

To the person who can pronounce it

Beston. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Did you notice Boston's pride and delight at the recent ball game? Who but "Honey Fitz" show at a ball game "stovepipe" hat and a megaphone very boldness of the Mayor in establishing a new fashion led me to believe that at the following game the grounds would swarm with spectators arrayed in frock

HONEY FITZ.

A Tribute to the Mayor of Nerve Racked

ows "Fitzy's" lead. Believe me, there is some class to that Honey Fitz." England has ceased to im-Honey Fitz. ose the high hat and frock cost as essen tials of sartorial correctness at the Derby and at Lord's; Honey Fitz has made them a condition of class for ball games in America. Don't charge him with having aped an English custom, for "Honey Fitz" de-spises anything English.

wearing twelve inch "Kelleys" and carrying

negaphones, for in Boston everybody fol-

You couldn't get him to eat an English muffin or dress his meat with English mustard even at the cost of starvation, which xplains in part his tremendous hold upon the Irish vote in Boston. Though an in-tense admirer of "Fitzy," I thought he laid himself open when he appeared with a

It was an incongruous combination, Fitz and a megaphone. One of his chief laims to fame is his lung power, and for societies. to establish ground for the suspicion that will be within the Bureau of Dependent he is going back. Born in the Hub myself. Adults. Later, it is hoped, a separate though now an exile from that city, I find my heart beating faster and an inward old North End.

Napoleon Fitzy." My bosom swelled with pride as I saw him skip across the diamond and Cornell University, will be in charge as nimble as a squirrel and as graceful as when he glided across old New Era Dance Hall fully thirty years ago.

A picture of dignity and class, the only incident that marred my pleasure was the feeblemindedness. The Binet test will obvious look of envy that took possession of the faces of my New York friends at "Fitzy's" triumph. We New Yorkers are a great people, but we lack one thing-that No doubt Boston would give him to us if she could, but she cannot SIMON B. RYAN.

BROOKLYN, October 15. PRESIDENT TAFT.

Mature Thoughts of a Former Independence Leaguer.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Every voter should register so as to be able to cast his vote for Taft. The rapidly mounting vote of confidence is gaining impetus every reelection of the President.

for the last seven years, and when I calmly weighed the merits of his administration stood his broad mind and humane thoughts ouched the bounds of admiration and love. On November 5 it will be an honor, a deed of greatness, a flattering tribute to the in this class. American people to reelect President Taft.

reath of reason. who would reward greatness, those who shun flattery and those who well with whom to intrust the guiding of their country. JOSEPH LEWIS.

NEW YORK, October 15.

OPPORTUNITY FOR WEALTH. Perplexing Disproportion Between Foreign and Domestic Meat Prices.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: The Democratic National Committee, according to THE SUN, finds that roast beef sells in London at 13 cents, a difference of 11 cents.

As the duty under the present tariff law

(paragraph 285) is 11/2 cents a pound, leaving a net profit of 91/2 cents, or 65 per cent. on the cost, why doesn't some Democrat import from London and get rich instead of talking about it? P. TATTERSPIELD. of talking about it? PHILADELPHIA, October 15.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: When youth I was an inveterate first nighter. performance of "Our Boys." This comedy was written by Henry J. Byren, who rivalled his poetical namesake in a different phase of life. The play did not, as I remember, receive which it was entitled, and so ran for many years, and is often revived nowadays. met Byron afterward at the Garrick Club. where my grandfather used to take me, and he was satisfied with his work. He made a punning answer, for he could hardly open his mouth without raising a smile, and then added: "I submitted a comedy to a man ager the other day which he returned, saying that it was too funny for production, so have cut it up into three other plays. He afterward started a paper called Mirth. which was too exclusively comic. It died These incidents were brought up to my

memory by the custom in vogue now of combining what are called "stars" in one production and bunching plays by celebrated authors together for an evening's entertainment. The reason why some comic week lies exist is because it is only now and then you come across a real wittleism in them but you are always looking for the surprise.
One doesn't want all the good things huddled together. Toujours perdrix becomes nauseous. Incessant humor is as wearisome as long drawn out tragedy. likes to take a joke book in doses. The books, too, which gain a reputation for brilliance are those which are witty at in tervals; the writer who scintillates steadily trast, the flash of surprise tickles you when a ponderous gentleman slips into the gut ter; but if you come across a weighty individual in the same predicament in every gutter you are apt in the end to look upon NEW YORK, October 15.

The Bird Refuge in New Jersey.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The equisition of Marsh Island by Mrs. Sage marks an important movement in the inade quate, unappreciated battle for the pro-tection of American birds. Some of the nost beautiful species have already been practically exterminated. The great value of such resorts has been proved almost at our doors by the La Rue

Holmes Nature Lovers League of Summit, N. J. Founded by Mrs. G. K. Holmes (George Klingle) in memory of her son, and embracing chapters throughout the country, the league has purchased, and maintains as a bird refuge, with great but mostentatious success, Muddy Hole Island,

SUMMIT, N. J., October 15.

Japan's Old Folks. From the Japan Advertiser. of the fact that the authorities intend

o devote part of the Emperor's gift of money o the aged, investigations have been made as of those who will attain their seventieth year by November 9 reaches a large figure and that in Tokio city alone the number of cilgibles exceeds 70.000. Investigation is now on foot with a view to classifying these people into two groups, those supported by their families and those without the help of relatives, so as to ascertain the number of aged folk who need assistance.

An Oversight. Stella—I thought he wanted to marry Mabel. Bella—Well, he forget to register.

CHARITIES DEPARTMENT TO AID FEEBLE MINDED

tally Defective Are to Be Centralized.

Examination and Care of Men-

MOVE FOR SEGREGATION

Angus Thorne Explains Plan to Board of Education and

Asks Cooperation.

The Department of Public Charities has instituted a new department which is planned to be a sort of clearing house for all mentally defective persons, particularly children. The idea is to centralize the examination, records and care of defectives, who under the present system may come to the attention of half a dozen or more different city departments and

For the present the new department Adults. Later, it is hoped, a separate bureau may be established and special institutions organized.

Angus P. Thorne, superintendent of the Bureau of Dependent Adults, explains I was a "West Ender" when in Boston. the purpose of the movement in a letter I was a "West Ender" when in Boston.

Fitzy was a "Dearo," but when it came to to the Board of Education, which has had "nerving a dance," selling tickets for a similar plans in mind. This letter says church fair or getting free theatre passes we all had to take our hats off to the "Little pathology in the Post-Graduate Hospital pathology in the Post-Graduate Hospital with experienced assistants.

Each applicant, Supt. Thorne says, is to receive a careful examination determine the particular nature of his be used and finger prints taken. Nurses will investigate the history of the parents will investigate the history of the parents to learn whether the child has inherited his deficiency and also to determine "whether the occupations of the mother or father have exposed them to any poison which could have been the etiological factor in the causation of the state of feeblemindness."

The examination also will determine whether the applicant is a danger "to the community in the sense of having criminal tendencies; to himself, in the sense that he might develop wayward, immoral or criminal tendencies."

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"It is desired," the letter continues,
"that all departments (Education, Heaith,
Police and the Children's Court) and the Society for the Prevention of Crueity to Children and all agencies and dispensary and social workers cooperate with this bureau by referring any mentally defectives to this bureau for examination Mr. Thorne believes the benefits of the bureau will be many. By keeping a careful record of all cases it will be able to demonstrate to the proper authorities the need of more facilities for the segre-gation of these cases to prevent increase

Finally, it is contended, the bureau will be able to "show the United States authorities just how many foreign born feeble minded persons there are in this city and whether the those who shun flattery and those who city and whether the condition exists use the mighty force of reason know full prior to arrival in the United States."

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and every case referred to it for exami-nation it will be able to arrange for early admission to the proper institution of cases that are admittedly a menace to the community. This could not be done by any other department."

Dr. Schlapp for some time has been

onducting similar examinations for the Children's Society. That society, cooperating with the new bureau, will not refer to it all these cases. Dr. Schlapp for the time being will probably make his examinations at the Post-Graduate Hospital, although the officials of the bureau hope that before long the bureau will have a home of its own.

PEACE NOW IN NICARAGUA. Government Troops Disbanded-Prepare for Elections.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 .- Minister Weitzel at Managua reports that Nicaragua is now in a state of peace. Admiral Southerland reported to-day to the same effect from Corinto and that the country is rapidly calming down after ten weeks of turmoil and fighting.

The army has been practically disbanded by the Government More than 6,000 men have been paid off by the Government and sent to their homes. The harvesting of the crops and the resumption of business and industrial activity are now The only question now remaining unsettled is the matter of elections. Dis-

settled is the matter of elections. Discussions are already in progress and it is expected that a plan of procedure will be announced soon. It is regarded as settled that the American marines and bluejackets now in Nicaragua or part of them will remain to supervise the election and see that order is maintained at the polls and that every voter is given an opportunity to cast a hallot. an opportunity to east a ballot.

Admiral Southerland stated to-day that all the American wounded are get-

ting along well.
The legation is informed that the rebel leaders who fied to Honduras from Nicaragua have been apprehended and will be concentrated at Tegucigalpa, the capital, under surveilland ers were due to arrive there to-day.

New League May End Southern Republics' Suspicion of Us.

LAW TO LINK THE AMERICAS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 .- The founding of the American Institute of International Law for the purpose of studying the relations of law existing between the several republics of the Americas was announced here to-day. Dr. James B. Scott, of the Carnegie

endowment for international peace and one of the originators of the movement to found the institute, is president. Alejandro Alvarez of Chile is secretary and Dr. Luis Anderson of Costa Rica is

treasurer.
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The institute will be composed of members chosen in equal number from each of the twenty-one republics of North and South America.

It is planned to have the leading organization of lawyers in each republic choose five men to represent that country in the institute.

Dr. Scott said to-day that he believed the institute by studying the relations

the institute by studying the relations of law between the republics would bring about a better mutual understanding among all. It is proposed to codify a system of American international law as developed by the studies of the insti-

Suspicion of the United States upon the part of the countries of Latin Amer-ica will be gradually eliminated, the founders of the institute hope, through the work of the new organization. A time and place for the first meeting will